

## Rabinowitz frustrated in trimming the budget

By GIDION ESHET  
Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

FINANCE MINISTER Yehoshua Rabinowitz will meet this evening with the four Labour rebels in the Knesset Finance Committee to discuss their demand to cut the State budget by IL2b.

The four — Adi Amoral, Zvi Gershuni, Ben-Zion Halkon and David Koren — have demanded the cut in order to minimize inflation in 1976, expected to exceed 32 per cent.

These four, together with the Likud and NRP members, have a majority in the Finance Committee and could cause difficulties in approving the budget. However, they are a minority in the Labour parliamentary party where the decision will be taken.

Rabinowitz is expected to tell them that he is in favour of the proposed cut, but thinks there is no way to convince the Cabinet to make it. The main obstacle is understood to be Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, whose ministry stands to lose the most. Ofer's reaction to the proposal cut was, "No dice."

Treasury officials are currently discussing a plan to save IL5b. in the budget, according to one source. This includes IL2b. to be raised in taxes and IL3b. to be cut from expenditures. The decision on taxes will be taken after the Treasury employees give their response to the Director-General's request to stop salaries. Their answer will be given today at a meeting in Tel Aviv. (They were meeting in that city last night to determine their stand.)

The sanctions, which started on Tuesday, will forestall any activity on the Value Added Tax (VAT), now scheduled to be imposed next month. However, the threat to postpone VAT does not scare the Treasury. One (Continued on page 2, col 2)

## Israel tells UN to send mediator to the Arabs

By WOLF I. BLITZER  
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WASHINGTON. — Israel's UN Ambassador Haim Herzog suggested to the UN Security Council yesterday that the world body dispatch a mediator to the Arab world to settle intra-Arab problems, rather than waste its time considering Israel's policies in the administered areas.

Herzog was addressing the Council's emergency meeting on Israel's treatment of Arabs in the admin. West Bank, called for by Egypt last week.

Arab delegates continued their deliberations yesterday for a draft resolution condemning Israel, but as of late in the evening, when the Council session resumed, they had not yet come forward with a specific proposal. They were believed to be seeking language which was "moderate" enough to avoid an American veto.

Herzog's proposal for a UN mediator to the Arab world was an obvious reference to the continuing conflict in Lebanon and the more than 18,000 Lebanese Christians and Moslems who have been killed during the past year.

Herzog also attacked Soviet Ambassador Yevgeny Melnik, who last week charged Israel with "genocide" for the "murder" of Arab demonstrators.

## Polish troops still barred

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
JERUSALEM WILL turn down a Polish request for freedom of movement for its logistics units serving with UNdot, officials said yesterday.

They said that the Poles had made the request at a meeting at the United Nations between Israel's envoy Chaim Herzog and the Polish envoy Mr. Jarjek.

Israel as a rule does not allow access to soldiers of countries with which it has no diplomatic relations. It has made exceptions for the Polish logistics unit on three occasions in the past: twice when transit of units was requested, and once when the outgoing Polish commander asked permission to visit the Christian Holy Places.

But the general rule barring the Poles, and other UN soldiers from countries without relations with Israel, will remain in force, the officials said.

(One obvious and permanent exception is made in the case of General Skrahine, the Ghanadani Commander of Unto — the UN Truce Observer Organization, whose headquarters are in Jerusalem.)

## Rabin hopeful Syria may soon start move to end belligerency

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night that Syria's difficulties with Lebanon were creating changes in Damascus that might lead to a break in the Arab-Israeli stalemate.

He did not elaborate but was apparently referring to the recent cooling of Syrian relations with the PLO and the Soviet Union, while on the other hand improving relations with Jordan. Addressing the Pioneer Women of the U.S., he said he hoped that "Egypt and Syria will agree to start negotiations in 1976 for the achievement of agreements to end the state of war and there is a hope that we will embark on a course that may lead us to more tranquility, more stability and a changing of realities that in the long run may bring about peace."

The Prime Minister said an agreement to end the state of war first with Egypt and Syria, and, at a later stage with Jordan, was the most realistic way to advance toward peace this year.

Speaking at another forum earlier in the day, Premier Rabin said that while he could not state with any certainty that a chance to enter into negotiations with Egypt and Syria indeed existed, the shift in Syria's position was evident — not necessarily vis-a-vis Israel but rather towards the other Arab states and the superpowers.

Rabin told moshav members of the Labour Party that any such shift was very important and "it was possible today, whether with the help of Saudi Arabia, which is trying to bring Cairo and Damascus closer together, or through the intervention of an international factor — a more moderate superpower — to persuade the two Arab states to negotiate with Israel on ending the state-of-war. I would regard this as the best political development possible in 1976."

However, unless such a development took place this year, Rabin predicted difficult times for 1977, after the U.S. presidential elections. This, he said (in his speech to the Pioneer Women) "is regardless of the kind of Administration that will be there. I am afraid... that the temptation of any new Administration in the U.S. will be to try a

shortcut towards peace, to try to find a solution to overcome all the difficulties in three easy lessons."

Rabin pointed out that "whenever the focus in American diplomacy was on the attempt to achieve an overall settlement, we found ourselves in a confrontation with the U.S. Government."

He noted that Secretary of State Dean Rusk had raised seven points in 1968, which were not acceptable to Israel, but "luckily President Nasser rejected it." In 1969, William Rogers, the next Secretary of State, presented a plan calling for substantial Israeli withdrawals from territories occupied during the 1967 war. "We reached a better understanding with the U.S. Government when-ever it accepted (the notion) that

the best way to pursue peace in the area was through a gradual movement toward peace."

"If the U.S. will decide to embark on an effort to achieve a sharp transition toward total peace, differences of opinion not only on the nature of peace and questions of boundaries but also on the Palestinian issue" will arise, he said.

The Prime Minister therefore called upon Israelis to prepare themselves for 1977 "to be less dependent on outside help, to consume less, to work harder, to expect less in social services... This is going to be the key issue which will decide Israel's ability to cope politically and to make sure that its defence capability will not be reduced."

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## New atmosphere of trust

By DAVID LANDAU  
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THE PREMIER'S remarks regarding Syria seem particularly significant in view of the many reports in recent weeks of tacit Syrian-American-Israeli collaboration in the Lebanese crisis.

According to some of these reports, the extent of Syrian intervention was discussed in advance in diplomatic contacts with the U.S., and, through the U.S., with Israel.

Some political observers in Israel and in the U.S. have wondered whether this collaboration could perhaps result later in Syrian-Israeli settlement talks, under American auspices. Such talks would probably involve Egypt too as the Premier envisioned in his speech yesterday. The agenda would presumably be an end-of-war accord.

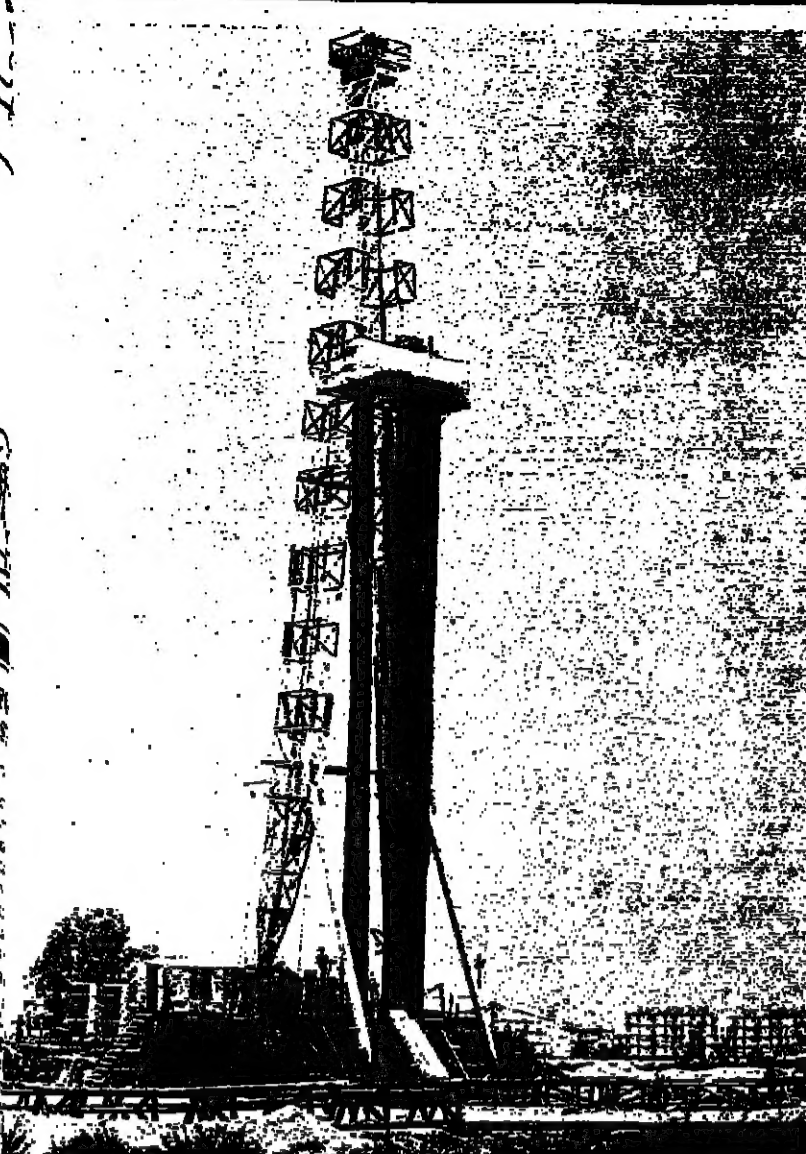
This speculation — for at present it is little more than hopeful speculation — assumes that the months of close diplomatic contacts, some of them at the highest levels, over the Lebanese crisis, have produced a new atmosphere of mutual trust between Damascus and Washington, and, vicariously, between Damascus and Jerusalem.

The fact that Syria acted with restraint in Lebanon, that it acted to preserve the integrity of that country, that it countered extreme leftist designs, has apparently — to judge by Mr. Rabin's remarks — impressed Israeli policymakers.

Until now, Israel and American sources have discouraged such speculation. When Senator Jacob Javits, who recently toured the area, reported on some positive-soundings hints thrown out to him by Syrian President Hafez Assad, Israel and American sources tended to downplay their significance.

But with the situation in Lebanon developing constantly and rapidly, and Syria's role in it becoming increasingly significant, the assessment of possible diplomatic repercussions vis-a-vis Israel could be changing.

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THE DRILLING TOWER at Ashdod II, on the outskirts of the port of Ashdod, where traces of oil have been found. (SBS)

## Oil in Ashdod, but value not yet known

By ZE'EV SCHUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rumours and denials the contrary, there's oil in them arid sand dunes. A Lepidol crew operating a drill rig at Ashdod II (located on an oil-soaked core specimen from a depth of 2,900 metres) on Tuesday.

The managing director of Oil Exploration (Investments), Raphael Kalia, warned The Jerusalem Post yesterday against jumping to conclusions. However, the oil dripping from the core proves nothing except that the traces of eventually finding oil have improved. Similar carbon compounds, which indicate the presence of oil, have been extricated from previous drillings in various parts of the country but later proved to be "dry holes" or commercially unviable.

Nevertheless, the announcement of an oil discovery played havoc with oil share prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, pushing up the demand for stocks even marginally affected with oil. (Report on page 2, col 2)

In order to determine more definitely whether oil has, in fact, been found, certain preliminary steps will have to be taken. The core must be analysed in a laboratory, various stem tests will have to be carried out, and, finally, the layer of depth of oil-bearing strata — if any exists — determined. Some of these steps have already been started.

After all these stages are completed, and assuming that the strata are sufficiently rich and that the oil is fluid enough to justify a decision to proceed with commercial exploitation, the company will have to ascertain the extent of the field.

The facts are that Ashdod I, abandoned recently as a dry hole, is only 800 metres away from the present drilling site, which is located within the southern part of the city limits.

At least four to five more wells will have to be sunk before the company will be able to announce that they have — or do not have — a real commercial oil find on their hands. As it is, the prospects seem bright enough.

Mr. Goldis said that geologists had discovered a "fault" east of Ashdod II. This could be a good sign, since it might have served as a trap to prevent the oil from seeping away as has happened in other parts of the country. He repeated, however, that, at this stage, the oil strike should still be treated cautiously. One other (positive) certainty is that the oil came from an entirely different stratum than what was found at Haelet, and is therefore unrelated to it.

Little additional information was available on drilling operations in other parts of the country, beyond the news that top-ranking geologists had confirmed the extreme likelihood of finding oil in offshore drillings in the Gulf of Suez, probably somewhere in the vicinity of Egypt's Morgan field (a-Tur district).

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## Habib replacing Sisco

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ford yesterday named Assistant Secretary of State for Far East Affairs, Philip C. Habib, to be Under-Secretary for Political Affairs, succeeding Joseph Sisco, who has retired.

Habib, 56, whose nomination now goes to the Senate for confirmation, came well known as America's negotiator at the Paris peace talks in Vietnam from 1969-71.

An American of Lebanese ancestry, Habib is expected to delete considerable authority on Middle East matters to Assistant Secretary for Near East Affairs, Alfred Herton. Sisco, who had served several years as Assistant Secretary before becoming Under-Secretary in the Department, had retained the Middle East file even after becoming Under-Secretary.

But Habib, who is more familiar with Asian than Middle East issues, is expected by observers here to take a lower profile on Middle East issues than Sisco.

A career foreign service officer like Sisco, Habib has been Assistant Secretary for Far East Affairs since September 1974. Before that, he served as Ambassador to South Korea. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he received a Ph.D. in 1962 from the University of California.

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The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption and the Jewish Agency are introducing a series of columns, in a new effort to make the absorption of olim more successful. These articles, which will appear every other Friday, will offer a variety of information: practical advice, reports on changes in regulations, employment and housing opportunities.

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cloudy to fair.  
Weather synopsis: Week trough over east Mediterranean.

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Jerusalem	33	14-24	14-24
Golan	33	15-24	14-24
Nahariya	32	15-23	14-23
Safad	46	13-22	13-22
Haifa	65	12-24	17-24
Tiberias	81	16-21	16-21
Nazareth	83	16-20	16-20
Afula	83	13-23	14-23
Sharon	53	13-24	14-24
Tel Aviv	53	15-27	15-27
B-G Airport	57	15-27	15-27
Jericho	27	10-35	10-35
Beersheba	29	19-30	14-23
Einat	30	19-34	21-33
Tiran	16	11-35	21-34

## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received a delegation of the Thai Institute of National Security.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, his deputies and the chairman of the Knesset's committees yesterday called on President Katzir to congratulate him on the eve of his 60th birthday.

Mrs. Tina Katzir yesterday held a reception at Beit Hanassi for a group of Wizo activists from Britain.

Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen yesterday visited the Israel Shipyard in Haifa and met with some of the 235 new immigrants working there.

Two bi-annual Shimonosei Juntichman awards for works on Jewish themes were made yesterday at the Knesset. Maurice Shohet, a student at the Hebrew University, received the award for his work on the situation of Jewish Jews since 1958, and journalist Yehuda Atlas for the story of one family's flight from Baghdad after the father was hanged by the Iraqis.

Actor Paul Hoffmann, former director of Vienna's Burgtheater, presented readings in the original German from the letters, autobiographical and scientific writings of Sigmund Freud, at Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am last night.

Rabbi Abraham Chail, author of "The Mitzvot," will lecture on Pirkei Avot (Ch. 4) at Congregation Beit Yisrael, Rehov Pele Yoetz, Yemin Moshe, at 5.30 on Saturday afternoon.

Today's weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, at ZOA House at 1.15 p.m., will be addressed by Rotarian Sven Ebbesen, Danish Ambassador to Israel, on the subject: Greenland.

A slide-illustrated lecture on "The Sharon area" will be given by Gershon Peleg of the Society for the Protection of Nature at ZOA House at 8.30 this evening.

## ARRIVALS

Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, after a week's visit to Australia.

Yehuda Shari, MK chairman of the Independent Liberals, from Rumania.

Lea Lutovitch, National Executive Director of the Zionist Organization of America, to participate in the 20th anniversary celebration of the State of Israel Agricultural and Technical High School near Ashkelon.

## 'VD on the rise in Israel'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Venereal disease is on the rise in Israel but at a much lower rate than abroad, according to Prof. E. J. Feuerman, head of the Dermatology Department at the Beilinson Medical Centre.

Dr. Feuerman was speaking to the Jerusalem Post before yesterday's opening of a three-day national conference of the Israel Dermatological and Venereal Disease Society.

He said that while he had no statistics on the increase of VD in Israel, there was a clear increase in applications for treatment at Beilinson and other hospitals.

He attributed this rise to a number of factors: the "pill" which allows women greater sexual freedom, exposure on trips abroad, and the spread of the disease by tourists visiting Israel. The fact that many soldiers and students, including high school pupils, are being infected is cause for grave alarm, he said.

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Further details, Tel. 02-67128.

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# WZO plan to Cabinet calls for 22 new rural settlements

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A settlement plan proposed to the Government on Sunday by the World Zionist Organization calls for 22 rural settlements to be developed across the Green Line in the next few years, an informed source said yesterday. Seven of these settlements would be in the Jerusalem area. The government has made no decision on the matter.

(Reports of a settlement plan, carried by "The New York Times," drew an angry response from the U.S. on Tuesday, with State Department spokesman Robert Fumuseh telling reporters he hoped "these press reports are not correct." It would seem that the paper did not indicate the plan was not an official one.)

According to the source, the settlements proposed by the WZO would be located on the Golan Heights, the lower Jordan Valley, the Rafta area, and in the Jerusalem area. Most would be a new type of settlement — the industrial village. Their advantage is that they can be built in areas with no agricultural land and with a minimum demand on the country's water supply. Another advantage is that their limited size means a minimum of land expropriation.

The proposal spelled out for the Cabinet by Yehiel Admoni, director-general of the WZO's Settlement Department, includes what is apparently the first comprehensive proposal for rural development of the "expanded Jerusalem Corridor." It calls for three villages in the Maale Horon area and another at Givon, the four settlements straddling the new highway between Jerusalem and the coastal plain proposed for the future. South of the capital, two new settlements would be added to the Eliahu Elio, and the Nahal settlement at Tekoa, south-east of Bethlehem, would become a ci-

vilian village. At least six of the settlements in the Jerusalem region would be industrial villages.

The source said the Jerusalem area villages were proposed for the "medium future" — three to five years. He gave no time estimate for the other settlements, nor did he break down the overall settlement figure according to region. He pointed out that the Government had not yet decided whether to approve the proposal.

One problem with industrial villages not yet fully resolved is their organizational framework. Settlement authorities see a kibbutz-type of collective as being most suitable, but initial feelers seem to indicate that those drawn to this type of settlement prefer a non-collective framework.

More than 60 settlements have been created across the Green Line since the Six Day War. The Golan Heights, which has 21 civilian and four para-military Nahal settlements, has no more arable land or water resources left, and industrial villages have been suggested as the most feasible place for any new settlement. The lower Jordan Valley, with 17 settlements, has, according to settlement authorities, more than 100,000 dunams of land remote from Arab villages which could be turned into fruitful agricultural land if water were available — but it is not. The Rafta area is the most suitable for new agricultural settlements.

The plan outlined to the Cabinet included not only the settlements proposed across the Green Line, but 30 others proposed within Israel proper.

Meanwhile, Jewish Agency chairman Yosef Almog said during a visit to Kiryat Shmona yesterday that the Agency will set up 19 new settlements in Upper Galilee and strengthen the population in lower Galilee as its share in intensifying the settlement in the north.



Curiouser and curiouser... A young browser in the Tel Aviv area, at the opening of Hebrew Book Week. Books went on display at reduced prices at stalls throughout the country yesterday. (Guttman, S.B.S.)

## Freedom of press is being abused — Zadok

Justice Minister Haim Zadok said yesterday he favoured legislation that would ban publication of a suspect's name before the suspect is brought before a judge. He was speaking at the opening of the annual conference of the Israel Federation of Journalists at Beit Agnon in Jerusalem.

Zadok said that in the perennial conflict between the right of the news media to inform and the right of the individual to privacy and protection of his good name — the latter right is more frequently abused than the former.

Therefore, the Minister said, he had agreed to pass on two private

members' bills that deal with the question of publishing the names of suspects to the Knesset Committee on Constitution, Law and Justice. He added that a judicial committee, headed by Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Kahan, was now studying the question of balancing the right of the public to know with the individual's right to privacy.

Among the other speakers, David Sagiv, chairman of the Jerusalem Journalists' Association, called on all Israeli daily newspapers to move their editorial offices to Jerusalem, and urged that henceforth all national journalist conventions be held in the Capital. (Itim)

## Troubles in trimming the budget

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senior official remarked yesterday that "Israel lived for 28 years without Vat and could do so for another year." However, if the sanctions continue, other taxes will be needed to provide

the IL25b. Vat would bring in, if and when it becomes evident that Vat will not be imposed, there will be a better atmosphere for larger taxes and even a cut in expenditures.

The decisions on these issues will be taken only in mid-June after Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinovich returns from a trip to the U.S. Next week Amnon Gafni, his Director-General, leaves for the U.S. The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sarban, is now at the annual meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank in Mexico. In the absence of these key figures, no major decision is expected to be taken. (GNP — new data, Col. 4)



Deputy Minister of Agriculture Sheikh Jaber Mudi lines up a target in the rifle range at Beit Halaheem in Afula. Mudi and other Druse notables yesterday toured the modern soldiers' recreation centre north of Tel Aviv. (Simonsky, Israel Sun)

## Provisional figures were not correct GNP rose in 1975, after all

By GIDION ESHET

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

January's provisional figures on the Gross National Product, showing it had declined in 1975 by 1.2 per cent and on productivity, saying it went down by five per cent, have proved to be far out. New figures published by the Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday show that the GNP in fact went up by one per cent, and the decline in productivity last year was only two per cent.

The largest decline in productivity occurred in housing and in private services — about four to five per cent. In industry, on the other hand, productivity actually went up by 2.5 per cent, and in agriculture even more than that.

The low productivity figures released in January were used as the main argument for limiting the nominal wage rise in industry to six per cent.

Meanwhile, real wages have de-

clined by three per cent on the average, dropping mainly in the public services (civil service, primarily), but increasing — in real terms — in industry and private services.

Total industrial production was two per cent higher than in 1974, when there was a rise of 4 to 5 per cent over the previous year. Agricultural production grew by nine per cent, housing declined by two per cent, and the product in the public services increased by two per cent.

The average price of resources — GNP plus imports — rose by 40 per cent. Imports increased in price by 52 per cent, while the price increase of locally-made goods averaged 37.5 per cent.

Per capita private consumption, in fixed prices, declined by three per cent last year. (It went down considerably more in the first half but a six per cent rise in the second half brought it back to the

pre-Yom Kippur War level.) Consumption of durable goods declined by some 20 per cent.

Public consumption in fixed prices rose by 11 per cent, mainly as a result of a 13 per cent rise in defence expenditures, but other public spending remained at the same level as in 1974. Defence imports rose by 35 per cent, and local defence spending declined by three per cent.

Investment, in fixed prices, continued to decline. It went down by four to five per cent in 1975, after declining by two to three per cent in 1974. Total investment in housing declined by three per cent — in public housing it was up seven per cent, and in private housing was down 10 per cent. Investment in industry rose by 18 per cent (there had been no change in 1974). The largest industrial investment was in machinery — a 23 per cent increase.

## Soviet visitor says Israeli fears of Arabs are unfounded

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The three members of an official Soviet delegation, here at the invitation of Rabin, said yesterday that Israelis have been influenced by a daily diet of war stories, which has caused their "profound pessimism."

This is the chief impression which the three — "Investia's" political analyst, Viktor Alexandrovich Metveyev, the rector of the Asia-Africa Institute at Moscow's Lomonosov University, Prof. Roman Akhramovitch, and Dr. Paulina Gelman, the only Jewish member of the delegation — will be taking back with them.

Rabin invites such a delegation each year to mark the anniversary of the World War II victory over Hitler. In past years, the delegates held press conferences, but this year they met reporters individually at the Sinai Hotel, where they are staying.

Mr. Metveyev told The Jerusalem Post that "as a journalist" he was "most deeply struck by the complexity of the domestic Israeli political scene and the prevailing atmosphere of pessimism. You see yourself surrounded by enemies, but it is not quite so. We spoke with many Arabs, but not once did I hear an anti-Jewish utterance."

As he sees it, "Like all people,

Israelis are products of their surroundings and if they are fed with pessimistic war stories, their approach to life is affected and they see enemies everywhere and feel that they must arm, arm and arm. Responsible official people in a number of Arab states told us that their aim has never been to liquidate Israel — even before 1967."

Mr. Metveyev and his colleagues advocate "more optimism, positive thinking and national unity," to cure Israel's ills.

The "Investia" analyst dismissed the declared aims of the Palestinians to set up a "democratic-secular" state in place of Israel, insisting that the true aim of the Arabs is to found a Palestinian state alongside Israel, such as advocated by the 1947 UN partition plan.

It appears that the delegation brought no news of a possible resumption of diplomatic relations between the USSR and Israel. Mr. Metveyev told The Post that he considers that no significant progress toward peace has been made since Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko told former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban that diplomatic relations would be resumed if an advance in the direction of peace were made.

In a hectoring tone, he said that the resumption of diplomatic ties

"depends on you Israelis. It is up to you to give up the lands you took illegally, which was aggression. It is up to you to encourage the Arabs to live peacefully and it is up to you to be less rigid."

He rejected any notion that diplomatic relations with Israel would be to the Soviet's own advantage, as it would provide it with contact with both sides. "What will change if there is a Soviet embassy in Tel Aviv tomorrow?" Metveyev demanded. "Will it make the situation less explosive? Israel will never accept our mediation and will not even accept us as one of the four guarantors for an overall political settlement."

Prof. Akhramovitch said the Soviet Union permits the emigration of anyone who applies for an exit permit, providing he has not been exposed to any state secrets. Every state has the right to deny exit when national security is at stake, he contended.

He said he is not familiar with the case of Prof. Vitaly Rubin, a Moscow sinologist who is denied exit on the secrecy pretext. Aliya circles here point out that Rubin is a victim of the arbitrary Soviet use of the secrecy clause, as he is a specialist in ancient Chinese culture and could not have been exposed to confidential information in the course of his work.

## Top names missing from men's chess event

By ELIAHU SHARAF

Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

HAIFA. — The 1976 Israel Chess Championship for men opens at the Nof Hotel here at 2.30 p.m. today with 16 players taking part.

The field includes veteran International Master Moshe Czerniak, winner of the first national chess championship which took place 40 years ago in Tel Aviv. But the title-holder, International Grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon, will not play; he is preparing for the International tournament (world championship preliminaries) to be played in Biel, Switzerland, in July.

The final listing is: International Masters Czerniak, Yitzhak Radashovich and Shimon Kagan; Senior Masters Malchiel Peretz, David Bernstein, Zadok Donimtz, Meir Rona, Israel Gelfer; National Masters Reuven Minkser, Nathan Birnbaum, Victor Manejvitz, Arieh Lev, Shlomo Gitterman, Yehuda Grinfeld, David Ben-Zion and Ya'acov Maschian. The old guard is represented by 66-year-old Czerniak, while the new generation is represented by former Israel junior champion Yehuda Grinfeld, 20, and

David Bernstein, 19.

Apart from Liberzon, other top players absent from the event include Grandmaster Yair Kraidman, international masters Ya'acov Bleiman and Avraham Kaidor, and senior master Amikam Balaban.

The absence of the favourites leaves the field open for every one of the 16 participants to vie for the supreme national title. Contrary to the men's event, the women's championship, which opens next Wednesday, at the same place, will include Israel's top players. Defending champion is master-candidate Olga Podrazhanskaya, who will face a difficult task in retaining the title in view of the stiff competition, mainly from her former Russian compatriots — Lea Nudelman, Marina Shten, Miriam Wolper, Liyva Grinberg and Orella Solomonovitch. Alongside the newcomers, some of Israel's veteran women chess champions will take part: Esther Samosh, runner-up of the first women's national championship (Tel Aviv, 1955), former Israel champion Lidia Gal, Ada Zakaria, Miriam Bricker, Frieda Teitelbaum and Yehudit Hirsch. The most noted absentee is Alla Kushnir-Stein, who is preparing for the preliminaries of the world championship.

Like the previous championships, the present event is named after the late Hans Zapler, mother of Dr. Naftali Zapler, non chairman of the Israel Chess Federation and promoter of women's chess here.

## Copyright thesis

At yesterday's session in Jerusalem of the legal commission of the International Confederation of Authors and Composers Societies, it was decided to award a prize of 10,000 French francs to Margot Weisthumer of the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich. She will receive the prize for her thesis on copyright in modern music, with particular emphasis on electronic music.

The meeting has been discussing copyright questions.

## European Soccer

Bavaria Munich maintained West Germany's soccer supremacy when they won the European Champions Cup for the third successive year with a 1-0 triumph over St. Etienne of France in Glasgow last night.

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# Allon says Egyptian cooperation with PLO will turn clock back

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said today that the renewed cooperation between Egypt and the PLO would turn the clock back to the 19 years before 1967, and a lot more than was enjoyed by the citizens, "of several Arab states" — including free and democratic elections. One hundred thousand refugees had left their camps for a new life, and considerable economic progress had been made in the administered areas.

Allon said it was high time the Security Council stopped allowing the PLO, or states like Libya, Egypt and Syria, to summon the Council automatically into session on meaningless topics. It was high time that the big powers stopped the Arabs from transforming the Security Council into an absolute farce.

In his motion, Yedidia Be'eri noted that Egypt had violated the interim agreement 65 times. It had permitted the PLO to resume its broadcasts from Cairo, and it had issued a series of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic statements recently.

Be'eri said Israel should demand that any Arab country signing a peace agreement must undertake to sever its ties with the PLO. The fact of an Arab leader's true intentions towards Israel was not what he said in English, French or German to Westerners, but what he said in Arabic, to his own people.

New Communist Avraham Levenbraun tried in vain to strike the motion off the agenda. Meir Pat'i (Moked) abstained.

It was absurd for the Security Council to ignore the daily slaughter hundreds in the Lebanon as an answer to the Arab states' demand to lead to the administered areas. The fact Egypt had called the Council as part of its struggle with Israel for influence in the Arab world, Mr. Allon quoted Damascus eight days ago as describing Egyptian initiative as "a joke, a demonstrative, infantile move" designed to flatter the Arab states of the world.

Allon accused the Arab states of using the Arab refugees as a

## An apology from the premier

Justice Minister Ezer Weizman issued a roundabout apology on behalf of Premier Yitzhak Rabin in the Knesset yesterday for Rabin's caustic reference, in the Alignment Knesset session on May 3, to Jerusalem magistrate Ruth Or.

(Ruth Or ruled to the government's discomfiture three months ago that Jewish prayer was permissible on the Temple Mount. The Attorney-General is now appealing against her ruling).

Zadok made the apology in reply to a parliamentary question by Yedidia Be'eri (Likud) about Rabin's comment on "strange judgments by Mapam graduates." Zadok said that Rabin had authorized him to state that "his words should not be regarded as though he attached any relevance to the movement or party background of judges, and that when he made his polemical comment he was not aware of the fact that the judgement at which he hinted in his comment was being considered in a pending appeal. The Premier adheres to the principle that judges are completely independent in the discharge of their judicial functions, and he had no intention of casting a slur on the judiciary."

## Egged drivers halt buses in pay-cut protest

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bus services in various parts of the country were disrupted for two hours yesterday evening as hundreds of Egged drivers met to protest against the decision of the cooperative's management to accept a 12.300 a month pay-cut, proposed by the Ministry of Transport as a means of helping Egged reduce its operating deficit.

Least affected by the meetings were Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and bus traffic between these cities slowed almost normally. Most affected were Holon, Bat Yam, Beersheba, Tiberias, Rehovot, Nazareth, Nahariya and Haifa. The protest meetings which were organized by local "action committees" did not have the official blessing of the Egged management, and attendance varied. However, a spokesman for these committees claimed that the overwhelming majority of Egged members were behind the protests — even if they did not turn out.

Egged spokesman Gideon Talmon said that "the feelings of the members are understandable — no one likes to take a pay-cut — but the cut is necessary to help get the cooperative into the black again."

## Jaffa riot suspects released on bail

TEL AVIV. — Six Jaffa men who were arrested on Monday on suspicion of participating in a riot to forcibly prevent the demolition of two illegally constructed buildings were brought before a magistrate here yesterday and released on 11,500 bail each.

A police representative told Judge Yitzhak Raviv that the six — all members of the Maronite community — had hurled stones at policemen sent to quell the riot, injuring several of them and causing damage to police vehicles.



Franz Cardinal Koenig, the Archbishop of Vienna, who is visiting Israel, calls at the pediatric department at Hadassah in Jerusalem. Accompanied by Dr. G. Szabo, he meets an Arab woman from the West Bank and her grandchild, who is recovering from a serious illness. (A. Hazan)

## Histadrut 'no' to visit by Pretoria union men

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut has indicated to leaders of the South African Confederation of Labour that they will not be welcome here.

After last month's visit by South Africa's Prime Minister, John Vorster, the honorary secretary of South Africa's labour federation, C.F. Grobler, wrote to the Histadrut that two trade union leaders wanted to visit Israel as guests of the Histadrut, on their way to the convention of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva, in June.

The Histadrut Central Committee decided early this week to reply that such a visit would be "inopportune" as the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (of which the Histadrut is a member) limits contacts with non-members. The South African Confederation does not belong to ICFTU.

One Histadrut leader said he feared the Histadrut "would be accused of hypocrisy" if it played host to South Africans, because "we were one of the proponents of the anti-Apartheid drive in ICFTU." The Histadrut also feared Israeli enemies would exploit the ties with South Africa politically.

The Histadrut has maintained links with trade unions in several African countries despite the severing of diplomatic ties. It fears that the Vorster visit and reports of closer ties with South Africa will have a negative effect among Africans.

The Histadrut boycotted all receptions for Vorster during his visit here, and later wrote to the ICFTU that it remained faithful to the decision condemning Apartheid. Copies of the letter were distributed among African trade unions.

The Council's Agricultural Committee will visit Israel at the end of this month to study the country's development problems and achievements, Mr. Ben-Aharon said.

## Kreisky tells Ben-Aharon: 'No Jewish problem and Zionism is no solution'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Austria's Jewish Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, does not believe there is a "Jewish problem" but if one did exist Zionism does not provide a universal solution for it. This was reported yesterday by Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Labour M.K., who held a 90-minute conversation with Mr. Kreisky at the Council of Europe session in Strasbourg earlier this month.

Mr. Ben-Aharon, who attended the session as an observer together with Likud M.K. Avraham Schechterman, said Mr. Kreisky's basic position regarding the Middle East conflict, however, was the same as that of most West European statesmen. Israel's sovereignty must be firmly upheld, but the right of the Palestinians for their own land should also be respected.

Despite Mr. Kreisky's "non-Zionist convictions," Mr. Ben-Aharon said, the Austrian leader was deeply impressed with Israeli achievements in developing their country. He is also impressed by the "new type of Jew" Israel has produced, as exemplified by his nephew, an officer in the IDF, who visited his uncle recently.

At the Strasbourg session, the Europeans were obviously moved by feelings of guilt in acknowledging the debt they owe to their former colonies — the developing nations, Mr. Ben-Aharon noted. The Council was united in pledging to help the underdeveloped have-not nations. Israel was mentioned as an example of successful development, and his colleague, Mr. Schechterman, delivered a lecture on Israeli development at the plenary session.

## Knesset Briefs Pension-payment delays could become offence

DELAY in payment of pensions could become a criminal offence, equivalent to delay in payment of salaries, under a private member's bill, tabled yesterday by Akiva Nof (Kud).

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND information will be published annually by the Education Ministry, as well as a list of all the grants and concessions high school and university students — and the criteria for awarding them — under a private member's bill, tabled by Nuzhat Katsay (Agudat) and voted to committee on the preliminary reading yesterday.

The April salaries of Cabinet members, calculated according to the previous "net" level, was declared a legal foundation because they were never approved by the Finance Committee, Yeheskel Kohn (Likud) said yesterday in a parliamentary question tabled to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

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GRANT MATERIAL results for candidates who sat in June 1975 will be issued within a few weeks, Education Minister Aharon Yariv (Boas Meav (CRM) in reply to

a parliamentary question yesterday. He promised the Ministry would see that last year's delays in announcing results would not recur this year.

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TOMBSTONE COSTS, of 115,000, will be granted to the families of victims of enemy action under new regulations approved by the Knesset Labour Committee yesterday.

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PRIVATE MENTAL hospitals should be investigated by a special Knesset committee of inquiry, Gideon Talmon (Zionist) demanded yesterday at a session of the Finance Committee discussing the budget of the Health Ministry.

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THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY Union Council session last month in Mexico City was the first international gathering for a long time at which no anti-Israel resolution was approved, thanks this time to the reluctance of the Eastern Bloc to denounce Zionism, Yohanan Bader (Likud) reported yesterday at the opening of the Knesset session. The Israeli delegation included Bader and Eliezer Kohn (Alignment-Mapam), and was headed by Deputy Communications Minister Eli Moyal.

## Soccer Preview / PAUL KOHN Top teams expected to win at home

TEL AVIV. — The League pace-setters, Beersheba Hapoel and Jerusalem Betar, both play home games this Saturday and appear likely to consolidate their first and second places in the National League.

This will be Jerusalem Betar's third consecutive home match. In the previous two they trounced Netanya Maccabi and Jerusalem Hapoel. A repeat performance by Maccabi, Levy, Neuman and Co. of that given last week in the derby against Hapoel should see Betar safely through against Ramat Gan. Although Tel Aviv were beaten by Hakoah last week, a return to the wider spaces of Bloomfield should bring forth an improved showing from Oz, Talbi, Peretz, Nimni and Co. I doubt that even the individual skills of Ehud Ben Tovim will be good enough to win Bnei Yehuda any points.

An interesting clash in League A will be between Ramat Gan Hapoel and Acre Hapoel, in Ramat Gan. The ambitious Acre side, which for several seasons has just failed to gain promotion to the National League — and only some weeks ago led by nine clear points — now suddenly finds itself only two points ahead of Netanya Betar and three in front of Ramat Gan Hapoel. A hard-fought match can be anticipated with promotion at stake.

Sportoto guide:

Fetah Tikva Maccabi v Netanya Maccabi 1  
Haifa Hapoel v Hadera Hapoel 1  
Kfar Saba Hapoel v Tel Aviv Hapoel 2  
Jaffa Maccabi v Tel Aviv Betar 2  
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Shimshon v Haifa Maccabi 1  
Beersheba Hapoel v Fetah Tikva Hapoel 1  
Marmorek Hapoel v Holon Hapoel 2  
Ramat Hapoel v Beer Yisroel Hapoel 1  
Tiberias Hapoel v Hadera Maccabi 2  
Ramat Gan Hapoel v Acre Hapoel 2

## Zim fights U.S. line's competition on Iran run

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim is engaged in a battle to prevent a New York company, Star Line, from opening a roll-off freight service from Baltimore to Iran via Haifa.

The new line is scheduled to start operating at the end of May, with the 15,000 freighter Puerto Rico playing the route to Bandar Shapur. The company plans to put additional ships on if the route proves itself.

But a Zim representative told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the company was taking "legitimate steps" to protect its own trade routes against encroachment by a foreign company. Star Line's management includes an Israeli — Dr. Yoram Ahnelt, son of the Jewish Agency's Executive Chairman — who was Zim's deputy general manager before he left the country two years ago.

Zim has been running a regular service to Persia, including Bandar Shapur, for some time. The representative confirmed that, among other steps, Zim has notified its clients that it would not take their cargoes if they choose "to give the gravy to an outsider."

The Puerto Rico, which has already made three sailings from Baltimore to Persia without calling in Haifa, has a big advantage over conventional cargo ships. These are now forced to wait for up to two or three months in the Persian ports, which are badly congested by a great volume of petrol-dollar imports. The roll-off roll-off ships are given priority, and are able to discharge within two days, thus saving the cargo owners the high extra costs of demurrage charges — which can be as high as 60-80 per cent of the total freight costs.

The Zim representative said his company had overcome the congestion problem by anchoring barges off the Persian ports, into which incoming Zim ships could discharge their cargoes without having to wait.

HANNA KAPLAN of the Nature Protection Society has been awarded Tel Aviv's "Tidiness Plaque" for helping to organize pre-Pessach clean-up campaigns around town, and particularly for mobilizing hundreds of schoolchildren to take part in the campaign.

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## Capital got water in nick of time

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of Jerusalemites almost had a dry morning yesterday. Two of the city's reservoirs, which between them hold more than half the city's water reserves, were totally dry Tuesday afternoon. Only because of speedy action by Mekorot, following an outcry by city water officials, was sufficient water pumped up to the city during the night to ward off a crisis yesterday morning.

"If we hadn't screamed when we did," said a city official yesterday, "thousands of families in the central part of the city would have been without water today."

According to municipal officials the national water company cut back on its supply to Jerusalem in recent days because it had taken a stretch of pipeline out of commission to relime its interior. "This is the sort of work you do in the rainy season," said a municipal official, "not in May, when the demand for water is increasing."

Mekorot officials could not be reached for comment.

The municipal official berated Mekorot for working on the narrowest of margins in its supply of water to the capital. A breakdown in a pump or any other routine mishap could result in an immediate crisis.

A new 33-inch water pipeline to Jerusalem was supposed to have been put into operation last month, but pump difficulties have put off the opening to a date as yet unannounced.

The reservoirs which emptied on Tuesday were those at Bayit Vegan and Romema, which normally contain between them 110,000 of the 200,000 cubic metres of water in the city's reservoirs.

## To the Earthquake Victims with Friendship and Love

The Italian people helped Jewish refugees on their way to Israel after World War II.

The Italian people have suffered an earthquake and we will help them with love and thanks.

Vivoli Italian Ice Cream (Kikar Malchei Yisrael) will contribute the proceeds of its sales on Thursday, May 13, for the purchase of medicines for the Udine earthquake survivors.

Demonstrate solidarity with the earthquake victims on Thursday, from 9 in the morning till midnight.

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UN unit adopts softer anti-racism motion

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Turkey raps 'oppression' of Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS. — Black African nations on Tuesday successfully staved off an Algeria-led drive to revive charges of racism against Israel at the UN Economic and Social Council.

The council adopted a watered-down resolution supporting the black Africans' principal UN project for their struggle against the white minority regimes of southern Africa, in a "decade of action against racism."

But it remained uncertain if the action by the 54-nation body was sufficient to restore Western support for the project, and to win UN financial backing for an international conference on racism in Ghana.

The Western nations withdrew their support from the UN programme last November after an Arab-inspired Third World majority pushed through a General Assembly resolution declaring Zionism is a form of racism and thus making Israel a target of the decade.

The vote in the council on Tuesday was 40-1 with nine abstentions. Canada cast the only negative vote.

The U.S., which has repeatedly declared that it feels so strongly about the anti-Zionism resolution that it could no longer support the decade, did not participate in the voting.

U.S. ambassador William Scranton told the Council last month that the U.S. could not reconsider its position unless all references to the Zionism resolution were dropped from the decade documents.

Algeria, backed by Communist and hardline Arab countries, sought to insert into the new council document a paragraph recalling the Zionism resolution. In the ensuing bargaining sessions that one delegate said were marked by name-calling and shouting matches, the black Africans, aided by Egypt and other moderate Arabs, prevailed.

The result was a vaguely-worded provision welcoming all UN resolutions or measures "bearing on racism."

The Western nations still objected to this compromise and demanded a separate vote on it. It was adopted by 32-9 with seven abstentions.

Ambassador Saul Rae of Canada, who cast the sole negative vote, told the council: "It is precisely because of our commitment to the original aims of the decade that we cannot and will not accept any attempt to forge a link between racism and Zionism."

Belgium, speaking for six European Community nations represented on the council, said the six abstained from the voting "to demonstrate our recognition of some serious efforts" made by a number of countries to move away from the Zionism resolution.

Eduard Longenstaey, the Belgian ambassador, also stressed that the vote by the European Community nations was "in no way" an indication of the voting position they would take in the Assembly. They continued to reject the view that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination, he said. (AP)

ISTANBUL. — Turkish Premier Suleyman Demirel opened the seventh Islamic foreign ministers conference here yesterday by condemning the "oppression and distress" of the Palestinians and Turkish Cypriots.

"Neither peace nor justice can be attained by ignoring the oppression and distress which the Palestinian Arab people and the Turkish Cypriot Moslem community have been subjected to through the years," he told the 41-member conference.

Foreign ministers or their representatives from 40 Moslem countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization are attending.

Referring to the "deep historical bonds" between Moslem states, Demirel said there was no reason that cooperation in all fields between them should not yield "a future richer than the heritage of history."

The Premier condemned "racial discrimination in Africa, invasion and annexation of Arab territories in the Middle East through the use of force, and changing the status of holy Jerusalem through unilateral acts."

At last year's conference in Jeddah, Turkey volunteered to hold this year's meeting and two days ago announced it would become a full member of the conference group.

Through this strategy, Turkey has succeeded for the first time in placing the Cyprus question as a separate issue on the agenda of the conference. (Turkey maintains diplomatic relations with Israel.) (Reuter, AP)



A jubilant Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Frank Church and his wife Bethline (right) smile after he defeated Jimmy Carter in the Nebraska primary yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

U.S. asks Angola to show it will oust Cuban troops

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.S. Government has asked Angola to delay its application for UN membership, U.S. officials said yesterday.

It was understood that the U.S. had made clear to the Angolans that it would veto such an application unless Angola showed signs that it was ready to rid the country of some 17,000 Cuban troops.

A spokesman for the U.S. Mission here issued a terse statement that said:

"The continued presence of Cuban troops would be an important factor in assessing Angola's application. It is well known that the President has expressed deep concern about the presence of the Cuban troops in Angola."

The former Portuguese colony formally requested admission to the world organization in a letter signed by President Agostinho Neto on April 22. The Security Council was scheduled to meet on the Angolan application Tuesday afternoon, but it was postponed indefinitely on the ground that the U.S. delegation lacked instructions from Washington.

U.S. sources said "speed in moving Angola's application is not an important factor." He noted that even if Angola's application were approved by the 15-nation Council, it still has to be endorsed by the General Assembly which does not meet until mid-September. (AP)

Iceland gunboat fires at UK fishing trawler

LONDON. — An Icelandic gunboat opened fire across the bows of an unarmed British trawler and attempted to board her in a sharp escalation of the "cod war" between the two nations yesterday, the government said.

Officials of the Defence and Agriculture ministries said the Icelandic gunboat Aegir fired the warning at the trawler Primella fishing for cod off the east coast of Iceland.

But, they said, Primella ignored the Aegir's order to stop and set off southward at high speed when the Aegir launched a boarding party.

The Defence Ministry said two Royal Air Force Nimrod reconnaissance planes flew to the scene and the frigate Lowestoft was ordered to head to the Primella's aid.

Since last year Icelandic gunboats, seeking to enforce Iceland's unilateral 200-mile fishing limit, have been harassing the British codfishing fleet. (UPI)

Conductor Kempe dead at 65

ZURICH. — German orchestra conductor Rudolf Kempe, who had been receiving hospital treatment in Zurich, died here last night aged 65, a spokesman for his family said.

Kempe, principal conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra in London, as well as the Munich Philharmonic, was a leading exponent of the operas of Richard Strauss. (Reuter)

AALTO. — Finland's greatest architect, Alvar Aalto, died here on Tuesday. He was considered a radical architect in the spirit of the late French master Le Corbusier.

New tremors shake Italy

Jo Grimond will lead UK Liberals

UDINE, Italy. — Strong new tremors shook quake-ravaged north-eastern Italy yesterday, triggering landslides and knocking down buildings in towns already devastated by six days of shocks. Collapsing walls injured at least 10 people.

The national police headquarters in Rome and local officials said they knew of no deaths caused by the new tremors, but were checking Italian news agency reports that four persons were missing and believed buried under rubble.

In Gemona, a town of 8,000 in the foothills of the Alps near this provincial capital, a police captain and another man were dug out by falling debris, but both were hurt.

Also in Gemona, the new tremors leveled old stone houses and completely destroyed the town's fine arts palace, heavily damaged by previous tremors.

U.S. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller is due in the disaster area today, dispatched by President Ford, who also asked Congress for \$25m. for earthquake relief funds.

The relief coordination commission in Udine said 870 bodies had been recovered so far from the rubble of 24 towns and villages hit by the quake. It said 1,513 persons were injured.

The Udine prefecture unofficially counted the dead at 914 and said the final toll should soar beyond 1,000 with 400 persons still missing. (AP)

LONDON. — Jo Grimond, 62, a statesman and former leader of Britain's small middle-of-the-road Liberal Party, agreed yesterday to take on the leadership for a second time in a bid to heal party wounds.

But he said he will do so until machinery for election of a permanent leader for the party is agreed on.

Grimond's decision followed a unanimous invitation of the other Liberal Members of Parliament at the smallest of Britain's three political parties was plunged into turmoil by the sudden resignation of former party chief Ian Thorpe, 47, in a homosexual scandal on Monday.

With three of Thorpe's four lieutenants set to do battle for the job, Liberal party leaders turned again to Grimond in the hope he could cut short the threatened struggle for the succession.

Grimond announced his acceptance at the end of a 3½-hour meeting of Liberal party Members of Parliament and other party leaders in the House of Commons.

Grimond was Liberal leader from 1966 to 1968. He quit in 1968 to make way for a younger man and Thorpe succeeded him. (U)

Senate panel votes to link aid to nuclear controls

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday agreed unanimously that all U.S. military and economic aid should be halted to any nation that either supplies or receives nuclear enrichment or reprocessing equipment and refuses international controls.

But the aid ban would not be applied to any humanitarian aid designed to alleviate suffering from natural disasters or famine.

The action represented a victory for retiring Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Missouri), who recently has waged a strong personal battle to check the spread of nuclear weapons.

Symington, author of the legislation — an amendment to the Foreign Assistance and Military Sales Acts — said such transfers have been giving some nations the means to develop nuclear weapons while avoiding international safeguards and controls.

He called nations that sell such nuclear capability to other nations "merchants of death," who sold such knowledge for profit.

"I think the most damaging single development to the security of the world, without any doubt, was the uranium enrichment agreement between Germany and Brazil," Symington told committee members. "Other people are being offered similar deals by the French," he said.

Symington said a group of scientists told him recently that because of proliferation of nuclear weapons "a nuclear war before the turn of the century was not a possibility, it was a probability."

The Symington legislation would penalize both the supplier and recipient of nuclear reprocessing enrichment equipment, materials technology, "unless they place such technology under multilateral auspices and management, as well as apply international safeguards to all materials included in transaction."

By taking such a stand, Symington said, the U.S. would tell nations: "If you wish to take dangerous and costly steps necessary to achieve a nuclear weapon, you cannot expect the aid to help underwrite that effort directly or indirectly." (U)

Nice Mayor deplors insult to Israeli

PARIS. — Jacques Medecin, Mayor of Nice and the French Government's Secretary of State for Tourism, has apologized to an Israeli diplomat after he was requested the director of the National Dr. Medecin said he was "terribly dismayed and outraged" by the insult in which Moroccan Dr. Minister Plenipotentiary at the Israeli Embassy in Paris, was rebuffed by the Centre's director. Medecin said he would make a speech at a celebratory honour of Israel's 25th anniversary.

SPILL. — A Spanish tanker carrying 110,000 tons of crude oil plied yesterday as it entered Coruna harbour in Spain. Authorities feared the oil would cause an ecological disaster.

Arabs walk out on Israeli at Unctad

NAIROBI. — All 20 members of the Arab League boycotted Israel's speech to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) yesterday.

Seven Arab League countries' delegates walked out, while those of 13 others did not appear for the afternoon session.

Uganda, Yugoslavia and North Korea were among other countries which walked out.

In his speech, Dr. Meir Gahal, Director-General of the Israel Justice Ministry, did not refer to political issues. He reviewed economic problems that supported Third World demands for more control over the world's wealth, and emphasized that poor nations needed more aid from developed countries.

Earlier, Egypt urged the UN conference to support the Palestinians in their fight against Israel.

"We must remember those people who are still suffering under the colonialist yoke in Africa and occupied Palestine," Egyptian State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Fouad Sharif told the conference.

'Three Arab terrorist gangs now in Europe'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

LONDON. — Scotland Yard has alerted the police throughout Britain, and especially at ports and airfields, following reports that three Arab terrorist gangs are at large in Europe. One report says that Carlos, "the jackal," the Venezuelan terrorist, is with one gang.

The reports say that the murder of the Bolivian ambassador in Paris on Tuesday was perpetrated by one of the terrorist groups. It is also speculated that they will try something spectacular in a "vengeance raid" to signify the suicide of anarchist Urika Meinhof in her German prison cell on Sunday.

Carlos Ramirez gained notoriety after British police found arms caches and death lists involving hundreds of prominent British Jews and non-Jewish public figures last year in a London hideaway. He also took part in the Opec hijack incident at Christmas. Carlos was last sighted in Libya, the only place which gave a refuge to the Opec hijack crew. The Gaddafi regime is considered the main backers of his terrorist group. Meinhof was especially close to the Marxist wing of the FLO, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine of Dr. Huhah, and trained in their camps in Jordan before King Hussein closed them. The PFLP has admitted that Carlos was involved in its overseas activities.

In Glasgow, yesterday, hundreds of police, some armed, guarded the giant Hampden Park stadium here following a threat that a terrorists' group would set off two bombs at last night's European cup soccer final.

The bomb threat was made by an anonymous caller to Reuters' Paris bureau on Monday. He said a support group for the West German Reader-Meinhof group was planning the bombs as a protest against the "assassination" of Meinhof.

Meanwhile, a 19-year-old West German soldier was seriously injured near the Munich studio of the American Forces Network when a bomb he was holding exploded, the chief investigator said yesterday.

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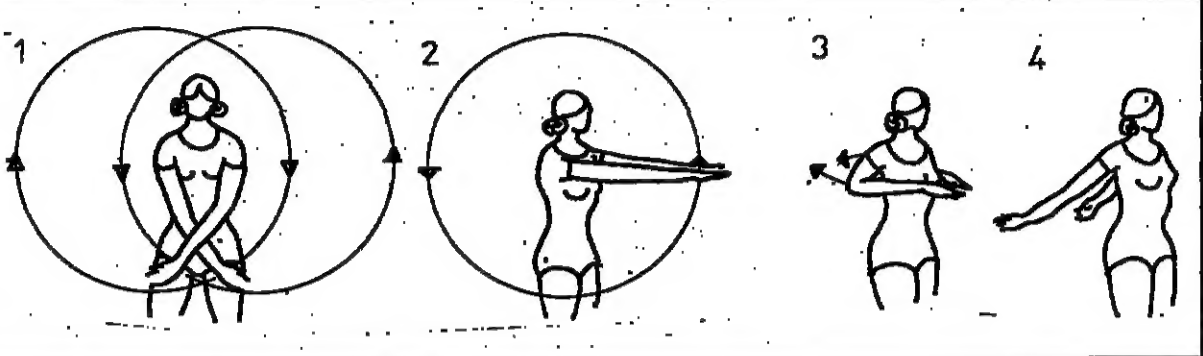
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Varda Ginsburg, 31, Tel Aviv elementary school teacher and mother of two, displays the still life painting which won her second prize at the 15th Annual contest of amateur painters and sculptors sponsored by ZOA House and the Tel Aviv Municipality. More than 200 amateur artists from every part of the country participated in the event. First prize, for a semi-abstract sculpture, was won by Ramat Gan resident Mrs. Lili Rosenberg, 75, a survivor of Auschwitz.



**SHORT SLEEVES** are definitely in, as of the last week or two, but there are still a few weeks before the heat forces us to go sleeveless. So you have time for a few exercises to help improve less than perfect arms. Most readers seem to be especially worried about the inner arm, and these exercises deal mainly, but not exclusively, with this area.

1. Stand with your feet apart. Swing your arms above your head rapidly in a wide circle. Begin by crossing your arms in front of you, then bring them upward in front of your face, straight above your head, and down to your sides. Back to starting position to complete one circle. Do 10 swings in this direction, then change direction, (cross your arms in front of you, and to the sides and upward, crossed in front of your face and down to starting position). At all times during this exercise spread your arms as wide as you can, ten-

Figure it out / Judie Oron

## Getting your arms in trim

2. Do 10 arm circles by bringing your arms straight above your head, then behind you, down at your sides, straight out in front of you, and above your head again to complete the first circle. While you are doing this, keep your arms and fingers tense and straight. Now do 10 circles in the opposite direction.

3. Hold your arms in front of you, elbows bent, at the level of your bust.

Bring your elbows back as far as you can twice, keeping your elbows as high as possible at the same time, then back to starting position. Repeat 10 times. Work up gradually to 15 times. This exercise has the added advantage of firming and reducing the area around the outside of the bust.

4. Begin as in exercise 3 with your arms at the level of your bust, elbows bent. Fling your arms backward twice, straightening them and keeping them at the same level as your bust. Bring your arms back to starting position and repeat 10 times. Increase gradually to 15 times.

For speedier results, repeat the series again later in the day. Do them to music if you find them boring. Measure your upper arms and across your chest (at the level of your armpits) when you first begin, and again in six weeks.

The Jerusalem Players: Shimon Bekman, harpsichord; Wendy Kleider, flute; Daniel Friedkin, viola d'amore; violin: Paul Schlosman, oboe; recorder: Marcia Zevlin, cello; with Gila Greenstein, soprano (ZEKA, Jerusalem, May 6). Music by Mozart, Schubert, Purcell, Legend, Handel, Aristed, D. Gabrieli, Monteverdi.

A NEW ENSEMBLE, consisting of five immigrants — three Americans and two Russians, presented music from the 17th century, and very early 18th century (Handel and Aristed). The works chosen were mostly unknown, and some were quite charming in musical content. Changing instrumental combinations provided variety in sound though hardly in style. However the first part of the programme was on the short side, while the second had

## IMMIGRANT METTLE

MUSIC  
YOHANAN BOHEM

too many four movement sonatas. As they were fairly similar in style this was rather tiring. Even the vocal contribution was on the heavy and sad side. In general, the choice was obviously made to give all participants an opportunity to show their mettle — which they did splen-

didly — but it was rather hard on the audience.

The outstanding performance of the evening came from Gila Greenstein, who was not only in fine voice throughout but had chosen some lovely examples of vocal music. Four 17th century English songs, scored with flute and recorder, only, and some Purcell music were most beautifully rendered, demonstrating Miss Greenstein's flexibility and her talent for characterization. In the closing aria by D. Gabrieli and a Madrigal by Monteverdi her sense of style and lack of ostentation resulted in marvellously controlled phrases of great beauty.

An encouraging beginning for the new group, but future programmes might be pruned judiciously for the benefit of the listener.

## Backing in

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The bidding:

West	North	East	South
3♦	Pass	4♦	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♦	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♦	5♦
Pass	Pass	5♦	5♦

Don't ask why South passed at his first opportunity to bid. Surely with his unusual distribution he expected other bidding around the table and decided to delay entering the auction. It was hardly a normal decision. But who wants to be normal in bridge? West also went in for high jinks. His three spade bid was intended to limit the hand. Some limit! Of course East went to game. He hardly expected such a lack in his partner's hand.

Now came the delayed reaction — five hearts — with a hope (?)

of being doubled. Perhaps he would lose less this way than allowing his opponents to make four spades if they could. Or perhaps South could even make his contract.

But East competed with five spades!! South decided that he had better bid the slam. Did he hope to make it? All this was not according to any system, but it produced this story of backing in at the five level!

The opening lead of a spade was won by the ace and the club king was returned. The declarer won the club lead with the ace and cashed the ace of hearts. He now had two entries to the dummy. He led to the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond, led the heart seven to the heart 10, preserving the lowly heart three, and again ruffed a diamond. With the good luck of capturing the king and queen of diamonds he could now play the heart three to the four and discard his two losing clubs on the diamond. Well!! Well!! Small slam made.

Yitzhak Oked / Jerusalem Post Reporter

## Battling the 'sharav' with negative ions

serotonin, a brain chemical essential to normal functioning, but which in excess may possibly result in depression and headaches. (There are other results, but we are dealing here only with headaches.) This discovery brought about the development of what has been termed "anti-foehn" pills, which seem to control the over-production of serotonin.

These wind-related ailments are often felt in advance. Israeli scientists found that certain patients experienced headaches, respiratory difficulties and other discomforts ten hours to two days before meteorological equipment verified the presence of the hamam. The late Dr. Nathan Robinson, of the Haifa Technion, suggested that this internal "early warning system" in certain weather-sensitive persons was brought about by a change in the electrical balance of the atmosphere — an increase in the proportion of atoms or groups of atoms (called ions) carrying a positive rather than a negative charge. Some scientists are inclined to believe that negative ions are beneficial, making you feel cheerful and fit, while positive ions sap your strength and morale. Most

of the time, on "normal days," the negative and positive ions balance each other out.

If this is true, then one theory worth checking is whether the Soviets might have bombarded the American Embassy in Moscow with microwaves and billions of positive ions to induce lethargy in American diplomats.

THE THEORY of negative and positive ions resulted in the development of negative ion-producing machines. An instrument of this kind has been developed commercially here. Made by Amcor and called Ionotron, it supplies negative electricity to the atmosphere to counteract the excess of 'sharav'-induced positive ions.

I have been trying out this machine on a trial basis for the past couple of months. I use it only during the night while I am asleep, and find that it gives me complete relief when I use the instrument and take a pill before I go to sleep.

Mr. Aldo Osterman, Ionotron sales manager, and Yitzhak Hazoni, one of the engineers who developed the instrument at Ampa, told The

Jerusalem Post that they did not understand why this instrument had not become more popular in Israel. They explained that most of these instruments go for export to Europe, where they are snapped up.

My personal belief is that the Israelis are more sceptical than the Europeans. Since ions — positive or negative — cannot be seen, why put their trust in it?

Just the same, Mr. Osterman explained, they are trying out the instruments locally for varied uses, not only for those suffering from headaches and respiratory ailments. In the larger instrument they have added a fan and an air purifier which could be used in industrial plants. For an extra charge, other appliances, such as air conditioners and TV sets will carry an Ionotron as part of the unit. "Yes, a TV set!" he said. "After all, research has proved that Israelis sit quite a few hours watching TV."

There are, of course, scientists and doctors who believe neither that positive ions can cause headaches nor that negative ion instruments can offer relief. We were told by scientists at the Tel Hashomer Bioclimatology Heller Institute, for instance, that this reaction in certain weather-sensitive people comes from the drastic change in temperatures (five or more degrees). They claim, moreover, that sometimes the presence of excessive positive ions occurs before the 'sharav' and disappears by its start, while at times it comes at the end of the 'sharav' or even in the middle.

Post Reporter Philip Gillon writes about immigrants who helped themselves.

## GET-TOGETHER

last year, reached IL2,734,000. The budget for this year is a further IL650,000.

"The money is given in the form of long-term, interest-free, unlinked loans," explained Mr. Gabbay. "We hope that the students will repay when and if they can, either before they graduate or afterwards, at their own pace, and at their own option. We never take any action to recover outstanding debts. The astonishing thing is how seldom we have to write off loans as irrecoverable. The students pay back IL20, IL30, IL100, whatever they can afford. Last year we got back IL42,000; this year we're budgeting for IL120,000."

There are now 300,000 Israelis of Iraqi origin and theirs can be rated a major success story in immigration. The community came "On the Wings of an Eagle," as the romantics used to write, during the mass immigration of the early 'fifties: most of them, including Mr. Gabbay, went straight into me'abrot. He shared a wooden shack with his parents and five sisters, but they had brought a

little money, and managed to buy a small apartment in Ramat Gan.

"The main characteristic of our community," he said, "was its passion for education. Some had already been educated in Iraq. Here we have turned out accountants, doctors, engineers, businessmen, builders; many of us work in banks or the civil service."

For the most part, the community stayed together up till a decade ago; Iraqis tended to marry Iraqis. Among the new generation there is now a tendency for many to intermarry with Ashkenazim. There is some sense of identification with other Sephardim; for example, if there is money available in the Scholarship Fund, and in a particular year there have not been enough applications from Iraqi students, scholarships will be given to students from North Africa.

ONE OF THE stupid clichés we used to hear in Israel — it has dropped out of conversation since the last two wars — is that so-and-so are good immigrants and so-and-so are bad im-

migrants. David Ben-Gurion used to insist that all immigrants are good. He was obviously right. The immigrant brings a nervous energy and drive that a country like Israel turns into massive sources of production. On any test, even those applied by the cliché-mongers, the Iraqis must be considered good immigrants. And their Scholarship Fund is a remarkable achievement: I have long been struck by the spiritual values for any community in fund-raising — it is the major cement for a group.

With these considerations in mind, I assumed that the get-together would be a meeting of a mutual admiration society: I have attended similar gatherings of South Africans and Rumanians, where I have heard from the speakers how wonderful these communities are, and how great has been their contribution to Israel. But not here: all the speakers proceeded to upbraid the community for not doing more. Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said that he would ignore the custom of commending the achievements of the past; they had to think of the gaps between the daves and the have-nots, and to ask themselves whether they were doing enough to close the social, economic, educational and emotional gaps between the communities. His answer was clearly that they were not.

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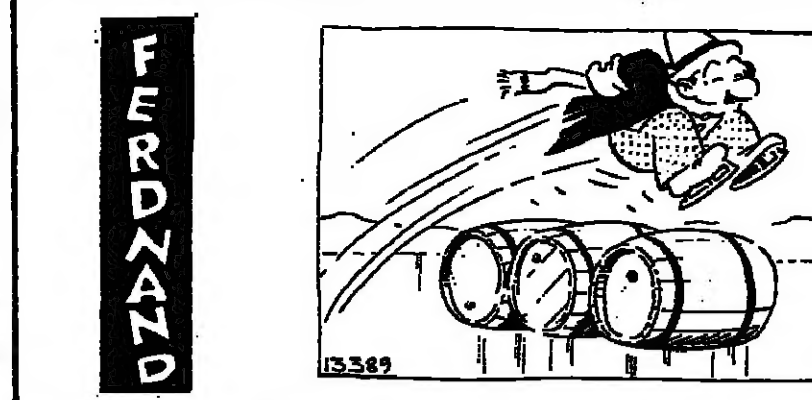
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## WHAT'S ON

**JERUSALEM**  
1. Medical Centre at 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Last tour on Friday at 12.15 p.m. Kennedy Building. No charge. Buses 19 and 27.  
2. Morning half-day tour of all Hadassah projects. \$3 per person towards transportation. By reservation only. Tel. 03-532267.

**ISRAEL MUSEUM:** Exhibitions: A Tribute to Sam Zuckor; Zvi Malinovich; Mesopotamian Archaeological Discoveries in Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem. Second Temple; Mari Shamir — Photographs from Sahel; Sassanid Fossils; Hagdada, Spain. Province, 14th cent.; parchment; Inspiration from the Gods; Ancient Myths in Graphic Arts; Nabatean Coins; Danes; Profile of a Company; "Young and Old" — Photographs; Exhibition: Painted Greek Vases — an exercise in observation; Our People at Work, 1970; Roman Mosaic pavement from Shechem, 3rd-4th cent. C.E. at Rockefeller. Visiting Hours: Israel Museum & Rockefeller: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. Shrine of the Book & Bully Rose Art Garden 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tel. 03-532267. Museum 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Rockefeller: Sun., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Israel Museum & Rockefeller: Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets for Saturdays must be purchased in advance at the Museum ticket agencies throughout the country and at major hotels in Jerusalem. Library open: Sun., Mon., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed: Tues., Wed.

**Free guided tours (English) Sun. and Wed., 12 a.m., from upper entrance hall, main entrance.**

**HEBREW UNIVERSITY:** tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Mount Scopus tours 11.30 a.m. from the Martin Butler Building. Buses 9 and 26, School of Education bus stop. Further details: Tel. 03-532267; Haifa, 04-64263.

**AMERICAN MIZRAHI WOMEN:** Guest Tours — Jerusalem — Tel. 03-532267, 222464.

**JERUSALEM BIBLICAL ZOO:** Schneller Wood, Roma. Tel. 03-532267, 730 a.m. — 4 p.m.

**A STONE IN DAVID'S TOWER:** Sound and Light Show in Jerusalem. Every evening except Friday, 7.30 p.m. in Hebrew; 8.45 p.m. in English. Additional show at 10 p.m. — Mon., Wed., Sat., in English; Sun., Thurs., in French. Tickets: Jerusalem agencies and Citadel box office (evenings). Please come warmly dressed.

**JERUSALEM HILTON:** The only Jewellers in Israel with a world-wide guarantee. H. Stern Jewellers. Duty and tax free.

**TOUR VE'ALEN — World Zionist Organization:** Aliyah and Absorption Dept., Grand Beach Hotel, 8.30 p.m., tonight; "Getting to know us" — Programme in English with settlers, new immigrants and experts. Everyone welcome. Admission free.

**TEL AVIV**  
TEL AVIV MUSEUM, 27 Sherut Eshel Hamelech, Victor Vasarely Exhibition; Andre Elbas, serigraphs; Isaac Selinker etchings. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion; 6 Rehov Tarat, Haim Glikberg, Forstels, Interiors, Landscapes, Still Lifes, Flowers. Visiting hours: Museum, both buildings, Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-4 p.m.); Tues. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-10 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-10 p.m.). Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-10 p.m.). Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (entrance free, new building only); 7-10 p.m.

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## BUSINESS &amp; FINANCE

## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

## Oil boom expands

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — If the last of the rise in the Nafat investment dollar or in the price of oil shares is in sight, it certainly was not visible yesterday. A five-ago rise propelled the price of the Nafat dollar to IL9.69. At this lofty level, again a new all-time high, \$253,000 changed hands after buyers had placed their bids for \$262,000. Speculation was rife as to whether the Ashdod oil find will be of commercial quantity and quality. Buyers on the Stock Exchange were behaving as if the results were known. Even if Israel's no richer yet in oil, the speculators are having a field day.

Jordan Exploration, the focal point of recent speculation interest, did not trade as it was marked "buyers only." The Jordan Exploration options were fixed at 454, a rise of almost 80 per cent over the previous level. Jordan Exploration bonds jumped neatly from 300 to 430.

In the variable sector all stocks even vaguely associated with oil rose. Benefiting from this strength were Lapidot, Naphtal, Delek and Paz. Volume continued to improve as it reached the IL3.3m. mark. Of this IL1.4m. was traded in the variables.

The general index of share prices rose by 0.21 per cent to stand at 126.31 points.

The index-linked bond market, in anticipation of the April index, to be announced later this week, once again behaved well with firmness visible throughout the list. Ten-year index-linked bonds were fractionally better while 6.5 per cent defence bonds rose by as much as 2 points. Optional loans were slightly higher. Yields are negative for all types of bonds with the exception of the 10-year issues. Trading for the day was a somewhat improved IL16.4m.

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Dead Sea Junior	299	296.4	Azoria	97	97
Dead Sea Senior	229	229	Levi Israel IL20	252.5	252.5
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## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Wednesday, May 12, 1976

## Market drifts listlessly

NEW YORK. — The stock market which time it made it briefly to the 1,010 level, only to slip back again, after that disappointment, analysts noted the market was able to generate little energy. There was little in the day's economic news to stir traders out of their lethargy.

The Dow Jones average of 80 closed at 1,005.77, a loss of 0.94 points, after having risen from 1,006.71.

Volume dropped off to 18.51 million shares from 23.59 million Tuesday.

Trading was moderate, slackening off from Tuesday's active pace.

The Dow made two moves Tuesday toward the closing peak of 1,011.02 it reached on April 21.

Stock	Price	Change	Stock	Price	Change
Alcoa Inc	57 1/8	+	Chrysler	39 1/8	+
Alcoa Alu	30	+	Citibank	34 1/8	+
Alcoa Alu	30	+	Citibank	34 1/8	+
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## STATE COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Labour Ministry / Aaron Sittner

## Classifying skilled workers — a wasteland of disorder

A prime factor in the development of a modern industrial economy is an ample source of skilled workers. Since the establishment of the State, controversy has existed around the question of precise classification of that sector of the civilian labour force located between "craftsmen" and "engineers."

This sector includes the two groups commonly referred to in Israel as *handasim* (practical engineers) and *technim* (technicians). According to the State Comptroller, clear definition and delineation of these two groups is especially difficult in Israel since immigrants arrive with vocational school certificates which, though bearing similar titles, actually refer to different courses of study.

An effort at simplifying the process of classification was begun back in 1951, when the Minister of Labour appointed an "inter-organizational committee of experts." Its mandate was to establish standards for certifying, training, classifying and grading technicians and practical engineers.

The committee comprised representatives of the Ministries of Education and Labour, the Productivity Institute, the Technion, the Israel Vocational Training Institutes, the Histadrut and the Israel Technicians Association.

In 1962, the committee submitted its recommendations to the Minister of Labour. He, in turn, proposed to the Cabinet the establishment of an "Advisory Council for Technical Training Matters." The council's task would be to frame new legisla-

tion — a "Law of Technicians and Technical Labour."

About half a year later the Cabinet decided to appoint a "Special Ministerial Committee on Technicians and Technical Training." In February 1968 the Ministry of Labour itself prepared a draft law which called for establishment of a "public advisory council" which would prescribe rules for registration and licensing of technicians, and accreditation of technical schools. However, this draft law never reached the stage of legislation because of the many objections raised by various government ministries and other circles.

Five years later, in 1968, the Labour Ministry tried again to frame a law on technicians and technical training. Once again, many objections were raised by other government ministries. So the Ministerial Committee appointed a "Special Subcommittee on Meeting the Objections to the Proposed Technicians Law."

After this sub-committee had worked on the problem from October 1968 to February 1969, it was apparent they were getting nowhere. So the Ministerial Committee requested the Attorney-General to draft a Technicians Law which would be acceptable to all. The Attorney-General conformed with the request and contacted various Government Ministries to learn what their reservations and objections were concerning the various draft laws proposed in the past.

However, to this date no acceptable formula has been found, and no law appears on the books.

In the absence of such a law, the Labour Ministry and the Association of Practical Engineers and Technicians in 1967 signed an agreement "to seek some order in the wasteland of certification of technicians." Three years later this informal committee was expanded to become an eight-member body, and has titled itself "The Licensing Authority for Technicians," with power to grant two diplomas — "Practical Engineer" and "Licensed Technician."

As usual, the new "authority" lost no time in appointing more committees. These included a "committee on recognition of training institutions and trade unions here and abroad"; a "committee on complaints and appeals"; and several "specialized industrial committees."

The State Comptroller has learned that five of these "specialized industrial committees," with a membership of 39, came into being without the "authority" plenum even being informed.

By June 1975, more than 13,700 applications had been received by the "authority" for certification as technician or practical engineer. Summing up, the State Comptroller says that despite all the good intentions of the "authority," the absence of a Law of Technicians on Israel's lawbooks not only places obstacles in the way of organized technical training and certification, but also discourages many applicants for such certification and puts doubt in the minds of employers and prospective employers regarding the value of the "authority's" certificates and diplomas.

## Local Authorities / Sarah Honig

## Municipal housing failures

Irregularities in municipal housing programmes enable persons not in fact in need of assistance to obtain inexpensive housing with the aid of public funds to which they are not entitled.

This is stated by the Comptroller in his report on the country's local authorities. The report concentrates chiefly on public housing programmes.

In many instances, criteria for eligibility for municipal housing programmes were not accurately defined, or if so, not strictly adhered to. In others, private contractors received the various benefits available for building municipal housing estates, without the cities themselves taking advantage of their own rights.

Comptroller cites a number of cases in which cities approved loans for housing in the absence of information on the borrowers. In four instances, cities asked no documentary proof from persons registering in municipal housing plans; there was thus no way of knowing whether the applicants were eligible to receive flats on special terms. Five other cities required documents but no one actually saw to it that the documents were submitted and that they were checked out and verified. Many municipal files applicants were inaccurate or incomplete.

The Comptroller scores for failing to ensure that those who did purchase low-cost flats in municipal housing developments do not at a later date use them for speculation. He notes that three cities did not even require that flats not be re-sold without municipal approval and that upon such sale, the original occupant reimburse the cities for financial benefits received when purchasing the flat at special terms. And where return of benefits was requested, it was not always accompanied by a clause linking the amount to the cost-of-living index, thereby making speculation highly profitable.

Many cities were no more careful in entering into agreements with private contractors to put up their housing estates. Contractors were often given various "incentives" such as exempting them from construction on larger proportions of the plot than usually allowed — in return for putting up low-cost housing for the cities.

In some cases the contractors and the cities ended up suing each other, each claiming the other did not stick to his part of the bargain. All this caused delays, often resulting in rising costs and consequently higher apartments prices, which were at times passed on to the buyers.

and at other times absorbed to an excessive and unjustified degree by the cities themselves.

In some cases flats put up by contractors after they received special benefits from the city, finally ended up on the private market when the city did not take up its option to sell them.

In all, the Comptroller finds that the contractors' profit frequently exceeded the advantages gained by the municipality, chiefly due to an improper municipal assessment of the situation.

Not all decisions on housing estates were submitted to the approval of the city councils, a fact which is in breach of the law. In one city the Comptroller found that three city councilors also headed a municipal building firm, a case in which conflicts of interests were highly possible.

The Comptroller also addresses himself to the problem of rates collection. On the basis of a survey in 23 municipalities, he finds that the cities are on the whole doing an inefficient job of it but that intensification of tax collection and modernization of techniques, would make them much better off financially. By the end of 1974, IL500m. was owed the cities. He further takes the cities to task for collecting one-time fees which they failed to legalize in the form of by-laws.

## EXPENSIVE MILK POWDER

## AGRICULTURE MINISTRY By ZETEV SCHUL

The purchase of milk powder abroad by the Milk Marketing Board was carried out carelessly and at considerable expense to the Israeli taxpayer, says the State Comptroller.

This was particularly true of three large bulk purchases made during August 1974, despite information from an Israeli purchasing agent and a U.S. wholesaler suggesting that the price of milk powder was about to drop as indeed it did, by as much as \$470 a ton within the next eight months.

At the time of the purchase, there were still some 5,300 tons of

powdered milk in storage — enough to last the country ten months at the prevailing (August 1974) consumption rate. This quantity was, furthermore, in addition to an extra 1,500 tons of emergency supplies.

## Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Board

The Comptroller points to inefficiency in the handling of the "Cheap Marketing" campaign, a special effort made during the year under review to bring high grade produce at lower prices to the customers.

The Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Board failed to supervise the campaign properly and control was erratic. The Comptroller suggests that all retailers participating in the campaign should be made to sign declarations committing themselves to the rule.

## Kambara Line

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In the Supreme Court sitting as  
High Court of Justice  
Before Justices Barak and  
Wilkinson and Judge Beikay.

## LAW REPORT

Edited by Doris Lankin

## Vanished husband's property sequestered

The High Court of Justice allowed an application for a writ of sequestration against the property of Gideon Lipovsky, the respondent.

In November 1975, the High Court of Justice made absolute an order nisi calling on Gideon Lipovsky to hand over his son, Micha, whom he had abducted in the U.S. and brought to Israel, to his wife, the applicant in the present case. Till this day the order has not been obeyed and, in accordance with the police, Lipovsky left the country with the boy a day after the order nisi was made absolute. Since then all trace of the boy and his father has disappeared.

Mrs. Lipovsky applied to the High Court of Justice for a writ of sequestration against her husband's property — an apartment in Rehovot registered in his name — on the strength of section 7 of the Contempt of Court Ordinance which provides that:

"(1) In case the person alleged to be in disobedience cannot be found within the jurisdiction of any court in Israel, the court may make such order of fine or imprisonment as may seem just or may order that a writ of sequestration be issued against his property..."

(2) The writ of sequestration shall be directed to two or more persons to be appointed by the court for that purpose, who shall be commanded and empowered to enter upon all the immovable property of the person against whom the writ shall have been issued and to collect, take and get into their hands not only the rents and profits of his said immovable property but also his goods, chattels and movable property and detain and keep the same under sequestration in their hands until he shall appear before the court and clear his contempt..."

Mr. M. Estreicher appeared for the applicant and Mr. M. Yanowsky for the respondent.

## Decision

Justice Barak, who handed down the decision of the High Court, first considered the respondent's counsel's argument that there was no point in considering the matter in Israel as proceedings between the couple had originally been commenced in the U.S. and neither party was at present in Israel, the applicant having returned to the States. This argument was completely unfounded, he held, since the *habeas corpus* proceedings in connection with the couple's child had been conducted in Israel after the respondent had abducted the

child from the applicant in the U.S. and brought him to Israel without her knowledge and consent.

After the order requiring the respondent to return the child to the applicant had been issued the respondent had defied it and thus committed an act of contempt of the Israel High Court of Justice, for which he must take the consequences in Israel. Furthermore, continued Justice Barak, no one, including the respondent's father, knew where he was and it would appeal that after fleeing from Israel, in order to evade execution of the High Court order, he had not returned to the U.S. either, where he was liable for punishment on a kidnapping charge.

The respondent's counsel had argued further, continued Justice Barak, that it would not be just to sequester the respondent's apartment as it had been bought for him by his father who had given it to him as a gift. But, he held, it was not the business of the court to enquire into how the respondent had acquired the property registered in his name, and in any case the only effective way of exercising pressure on him to cease his disobedience was to invoke section 7 of the Contempt of Court Ordinance, under which the court could exercise its discretion to imprison or sequester the respondent's property.

The High Court were of the opinion, Justice Barak went on to hold, that sequestration would be sufficient at this stage, and had therefore, decided to appoint two lawyers as receivers of the respondent's apartment, and to empower them, by virtue of section 7(2) to let the respondent's apartment and even to sell it, by leave of the court, in order to cover all expenses and costs connected with the sequestration, including their fees, and costs of IL3,000 to the applicant.

Decision given on April 11, 1976.

## Tourist sues

## over shark bite

BEERSHEBA. — The Government of Israel and the Eilat Municipality are being sued for damages to the tune of IL800,000 by a West German tourist, who was attacked by a shark while swimming off the Eilat coast some months ago.

The tourist, Beatrix Aaronowitz, is accusing the central government and the Eilat municipal authorities of negligence in posting signs warning all visitors of the possible dangers of sharks and other sea attacking humans in Eilat waters.

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# Notice to Members of the Sports Club, Ramat Hasharon

The Club will open its gates on

Sunday, May 16, 1976, at 6 a.m.

The Club will be open all week

except on Mondays.

Details on the premises



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT  
Driving and Vehicle Services

## Checking of Vehicles in Rehovot and Environs

Machon Darom, Rehovot, opposite the Rehovot branch of Driving and Vehicle Services, tests taxis, vehicles of the disabled, hire cars, tourist vehicles, vehicles used by driving schools, commercial vehicles for the transport of passengers, and private buses, in addition to private cars.

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Steel City test case

A BLISTERING report on the situation at Acre's Steel City, submitted by Koor's German partners, blames unacceptably low productivity at the plant on "a shocking lack of labour discipline." The report serves as a timely warning for the plant and for Israel's economy generally. Coming hard on the heels of the disquieting findings in the State Comptroller's annual survey, the Steel City report underlines — if such underlining were needed — the myopia of too many Israel workers and their knee-jerk defenders in the Histadrut establishment in insisting on the perpetuation of scandalous work practices in the face of imminent economic catastrophe. The Steel City complex lost IL40 million last year and, according to Koor managing director Meir Amit, it stands to lose an additional IL45 million this year unless far-reaching reforms are introduced. One should not need the prodding of foreign experts to drive home the economic truth that the path of wisdom might well be to cut losses and close down the problematic plants. The German partners are obviously not prepared to throw good money after bad in continuing to cover such losses. It should be equally clear that Israel itself no longer has the easy money to continue such a foolhardy policy. As foreign aid dwindles and domestic defence and economic development needs grow, the major source for financing of industrial development will be foreign investment. It should be a welcome and refreshing fact that foreign investors are learning to speak up and declare that they will refuse to go along with the worst abuses of Israel's byzantine labour practices and standards. The example of the Cargil plant several months ago is a good case in point. There, a no-nonsense American ownership put a quick end to labour irresponsibility by a credible threat of closing down the factory. Mr. Amit, who in April threatened to close down Steel City unless reasonable labour discipline could be established, now speaks of resigning. This is a distinct indication that the Histadrut has withheld its support for his position. Whether Mr. Amit stays or goes is a secondary issue. The Histadrut leadership should be aware, however, that failure to back him in pushing through reforms at Steel City will result in the loss of hundreds of jobs there, and in the discouragement of vitally-needed foreign investments in new industries.

A welcome foe

PERHAPS A country and a people — like individuals — may be judged by the company they keep, or the enemies they make. Certainly this was what many Israelis must have thought upon reading reports of how the ex-Vice President of the United States, Spiro Agnew, has publicly joined the ranks of our villifiers. One may express surprise at the tastelessness of NBC television in the U.S. for permitting such crude anti-Semitic statements as Agnew's charges of "a Jewish cabal" in Congress. Agnew's attacks on Israel for our "imperialism" should, however, be welcomed as balm for our own bruised self image. A country subjected to such a tirade by the only American Vice-President to be forced out of office on bribery and income tax evasion charges cannot be as bad as we sometimes let ourselves believe.

Arab mediation efforts

MA'ARIV (Independent), referring to the attempts being made in the Arab world to heal the breach between Egypt and Syria, remarks: "Reconciliation with Syria... will not only bolster anew Egypt's regional position, but will also help it in improving its relations with the Soviet Union. For its own part, Syria is apparently also ready today to tone down somewhat its political warfare against Egypt, because of its difficult domestic situation resulting from its entanglement in Lebanon. Moreover, Syria's hopes for a firm alliance, or federation, with Jordan have not been fully realized. Damascus may possibly also be in need of backing from regional Arab factors precursory to a decision on renewal or non-renewal of the Undof mandate. As with every compromise, Egypt and Syria will have to make certain reciprocal concessions if they are sincere in wishing to eliminate their mutual animosity. In such a case, the real victor, needless to add, will be neither Sadat nor Assad, but the mediator — the Saudi King, Israel whose captains have based their major political conception on the rift between the two principal Arab

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READERS' LETTERS

A STATE IS NOT ENOUGH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Ya'acov's "A state is not enough" (May 4) is one of the finest articles I have read in the few years I have been in this country. It is full of true and honest observations and has given me a tremendous feeling of belief and satisfaction. I have two boys in the army and obviously worry, not only about their physical well-being, but also their spiritual and moral well-being. As long as there are officers in the IDF who can teach and lead them the way Ya'acov can, I know that our boys are in good hands. CELIA GOODMAN Jerusalem.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The article, "A state is not enough" (May 4) may sound idealistic, but I do not think that Herzl would approve it. According to this article a state is enough for every other people on earth, but not for the Jews, who are entitled to it only on condition that they achieve "certain spiritual and cultural objectives." Unless we achieve them the State of Israel will be "an insignificant and late stage of colonialism." A desire to fight for such a state would be tantamount to "a cult of mercenaries." Moreover, there is nothing wrong with the Diaspora, where "most of Jewish spiritual aristocracy remained" and where "Jews continue their struggle for survival no less energetically than Israel continues hers." A more anti-Zionist view is hard to imagine. Of course, nobody quarrels with the desire of achieving "cultural and spiritual objectives," but the main objective of the State of Israel is the ingathering of the Jews from the Diaspora for the purpose of living a normal national life in their own sovereign State. The kind of culture that will eventually develop in that State will correspond to the spiritual qualities and abilities of the Jewish People. If the British can say "right or wrong — my country," the least we can ask from senior IDF officer Ya'acov is not to compare Israeli soldiers to mercenaries, even if the only purpose of their fighting is to prevent the holocaust of 3 million Israeli Jews. Dr. JACOB ROSIN Netanya.

JEWISH EDUCATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In an effort to improve the image of the State of Israel abroad, the Ministry of Education has come up with a new way to celebrate Independence Day: it is sending abroad 35 young people as "representatives" of Israel to join and share in Independence Day ceremonies in various communities (April 26). You further report that these volunteers were carefully chosen from 400 applicants, and that "most of them have no knowledge of the basics of Judaism, and for many it will mean their first visit to a synagogue." Now I ask, what country in its right mind would send abroad "representatives" who are ignorant of their own customs, history, and religion? How are these youngsters going to be looked upon by serious Jewish parents contemplating aliya and concerned with improving their children's education here? Jews do not have to come to Israel to raise Jewish basketball players or for their children to join Jewish clubs! Such facilities are available in abundance in the Galut. When will the Education Ministry of all people wake up to the fact that its business should be Jewish education? BARUCH STERNTHAL Savoyon.

EDUARDO FREI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your report of May 9 concerning the arrival here of ex-Chilean President Eduardo Frei, may I point out that he was Chile's President from 1964 until 1970, and not as stated by you, Mrs. Golda Meir was then our Minister for Foreign Affairs and represented Israel at his inauguration. MARY SENNERMAN Haifa.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I am glad that your reader, Mrs. Irma Kern of Frankfurt (May 7) will neither buy nor read my book "Looking for trouble," two extracts of which you published recently in The Jerusalem Post. Mrs. Kern should also refrain from reading many other books, including Woodward and Bernstein's Watergate story and other great scoops and disclosures by newspapers; they could easily cause her the same astonishment and indignation she felt on reading an extract from my book. All those newspapermen should, in Mrs. Kern's view, run to their respective security services with the story rather than attempt to publish it — for that is what she suggests to me. But they won't do so, nor will I, and nothing Mrs. Kern may say will make journalists turn into service agents and informers. As for my duty to the State of Israel, I believe I fulfilled it fully and on the occasion Mrs. Kern refers to by submitting the story to military press censor and obtaining his stamp of approval for deep breath. If he and/or the Chief of Israel Security Forces know a dynamite-filled contents of Donald Wise's and my own story then it was his fault, not ours. Perhaps Mrs. Kern should just one book, George Orwell "1984" to realize what happens. Big Brother is Watching You. T are no scoops under totalitarian regimes. Elsewhere, journalists remain journalists and spies remain spies and may the two never meet. THEODORE LEV Ramat Gan.

Agency, however, come from tribulations by Jewish communities the free world, especially the U.S. Jewish Appeal in the United States, which is the major beneficiary. Federation and Welfare Fund campaigns throughout this country. It is perhaps not well known Israel that the principal support the operating budgets of far seven universities comes from tribulations to the UJA in the U.S. and other free world communities through the K. Hayes. At the present time, seven universities, with their students, are receiving \$72,85 toward their operating expenses from the Jewish Agency.

UJA SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Sam Rothberg's article (April 26) rightly called attention to the financial plight of Israeli universities. However, there are some misleading aspects of the article, certainly unintended, which require clarification. Mr. Rothberg writes, "The Hebrew University, one of the oldest institutions in the country, has up to now been getting about 75 per cent of its support from the public purse, about 15 per cent from student fees and other payments, and only 10 per cent from endowment and annual giving by its friends throughout the world." Confusion may exist as to what is "public" and what is "private." Of course, whatever support is given directly by the Israeli government comes from the Israeli taxpayer. The funds allocated by the Jewish

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DEMONSTRATION AGAINST KADDUM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — It was ironic to see, on the podium at Mapam and Company's rally against the settlement at Kaddum, people whose outlook on life is an enigma to the West Bank Arabs. These Arabs have no respect for the socialism of Mapam nor for the emphasis upon women's rights and separation of state and church of the Citizens Rights Movement. The Arabs do respect the Sabbath, which those at the rally do not; they display a modesty in dress unknown to the latter, have a traditional family life and believe in separation of sexes in educational and non-educational activities instead of an

attitude of permissiveness, and are devoted to the faith of their fathers instead of the worship of materialism. It is not the type of people who settled in Kaddum that the Arabs cannot live with, but those who sat on the podium during this demonstration and those who came to hear them. These misguided people have brought up a generation of Israelis who have little or no feeling for Jewish heritage and don't seem to know what we are fighting for. They are dangerous to our future. Dr. WILLIAM ROSENBLUM Rehovot.

Common sense and Dame History

"EVERY Jew has a little Gush Emunim devil in the bottom of his heart. But this is no reason to act unreasonably." Yosef Nevo, mayor of Herzliya, secretary of the Sharon district of the Labour Party, chairman of the Egar ideological group in the party, a graduate of the Hebrew University, a former Foreign Ministry man turned Army officer (he left active service with the rank of Aluf Mishne), takes common sense and Dame History as his guiding spirits. The shikharin of yore were moved by the most noble aspirations, their courage was proverbial. But they stood at the gates of twisting Rome's heavy veil. Not at the time when they took up arms against the oppressor. Mattathias the Hasmonaean acted under different circumstances, his revolt was against a cracking Empire. Inconsiderate action today may bring as grave results today as it did two thousand years ago. Policy is a matter of historical circumstances. That is elementary. If ever there was a bad moment to focus the Jewish claim for national rebirth on Samaria — today is it, Nevo argues. The unmistakable Jewish associations of Judea do not apply to Samaria, he asserts. When the area came under Israel's control, it was inhabited by scarcely over 200,000 persons, a great many of them Christians. The Jewish quarter in Hebron existed to 1923, that is, in living memory. Nevo considers it a grave mistake that little was done in Judea apart from the revival of Gush Etzion. Though he grew up in Herzliya (founded by a group of immigrants from the U.S. of which his father was a prominent member), and his outlook was formed at the Herzliya Gymnasium, a little devil from his native Chattanooga, Tennessee, still affects Nevo's thinking. The "Bolshevik" habit of seeking an overwhelming majority in political life baffles him. In America, he notes, the liberal



Republicans have more in common with some wings in the Democratic party than with certain traditional Republicans, but that does not diminish the electoral fervor of party keymen or of the common voter. The "Bolshevik" party is omnipresent, it has a finger on its members' lives, even delineates for them their artistic preferences. The Labour Party, as it is today, has taken on a Western, or rather an American look, without realizing it. It is perfectly capable of functioning as it is — if only it acknowledged the change. But even a man of Ben-Gurion's stature failed to recognize the process when he drew some of Nevo's best friends into Rafi. Nevo, then just back into civilian clothes

after 11 years of active service, remained in Mapai (the Alignment), rather, between Mapai and Ahdut Avoda) and directed the election propaganda. It was in 1963. OUR NEXT ELECTIONS, Nevo feels, should be held not later than January of the next year. "The worst possible moment to hold general elections is the end of summer of 1977, when the area may come too close to a boiling point after America has a freshly-elected President and the Arabs will be deploying all their talents for prompting American pressures." The second half of this year, on the other hand, may be quiet enough for a reasonably level-headed electoral campaign — if Syria decides that she is too busy elsewhere and keeps the fire on her borders with Israel on a low flame. In the absence of an electoral system that enhances the power of the centre, calm elections may be the only means of bringing to the Knesset a majority of centre-oriented political leaders. "Polarization is bad for the people, bad for politics," Nevo feels. The Centre of the reasonableness would include "the majority of Labour, a great part of Mapam (Hazon's followers), and part of the Likud." But Gush Emunim, if it persists in being unreasonable, will have to be resisted. "Etgar" (Challenge), the group which Nevo heads and which meets frequently to discuss current issues, includes many former army officers who have since assumed responsible posts in many economic fields. "But we are not a Generals' Forum," Nevo says. Generals should not switch from the army to become political executives without a cooling-off period of several years. The logic of political life is completely different. Those army officers who failed to see the difference buried against invisible walls and slipped down. It is honorable to stick to one's principles, but it is unreasonable to overlook the facts of life.

POSTSCRIPTS

FINANCE MINISTER Rabinowitz's plans to shift workers from services into industry must really be succeeding. Why else would the Hamaashbir department store in Jerusalem find it desirable to hire a strapping young man to push the buttons in its three-storey-high lift? Customers in the store have been surprised to see the young man, wearing some kind of official cap but not otherwise uniformed, "I push the buttons," he says impatiently to anyone who goes over to the controls to select a floor. Even if a lift operator is needed (the only reasonable explanation is to prevent disturbances or vandalism), surely he should be a handicapped person or a pensioner. But perhaps the holder of this cushy job is the nephew of the store manager who wants to get into the business from the bottom up.

homicide between 1970 and 1974 died in the Vietnam War, is cited by an anthropologist to who calls the "Clockwork Orange" drome. One of the psychiatrists appear to examine Patricia Hearst, Donald Lunde, blames the gro rate of crime partly on the la child discipline in the U.S. today well as on television. "generation," he says, "learned very early age that there is emphasis on developing internal pulse controls and certainly emphasis on making a child feel when wrong... This is the generation to grow up television... with the idea violence, and most specifically ing, is an acceptable and al standard way of resolving con in American society." He adds, "one can raise children to de sense of internal restraint an dividual responsibility for the tions without beating them clesely and without warping psyche."

WHITE IS RIGHT and brown is down, according to American distillers. In other words, fashion in drink is changing and whisky is being ousted in the United States by vodka, gin and rum. One reason, according to Charles Foley of Onis, is that whisky must age at least two to four years before it becomes potable, whereas vodka is ready almost within a week. Another reason is that with the legal drinking age down to 18 in many states, the youngsters seem to prefer mixed drinks, such as gin, vodka or light rum with fruit juices. Tequila, the Mexican "cactus" drink, can be mixed with almost anything and is sweeping the country. On the other hand, he reports, more people are drinking "men distinction" types of Scotch, like Chivas Royal Salute, which retails at \$36 a "fifth". At the same time, the alcohol content of bourbon is dropping, from 100 proof (or 50 per cent alcohol content) before World War II to 80 proof nowadays. There is even talk of bringing down the general proof of spirits to 70, only double the strength of a dry Martini.

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